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**Fort Myers, FL**  
**PBS Quarterly Program Topic Report**  
**July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019**

**AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY**

Series Title: Space Men: American Experience  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/9/2019 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Meet the pioneering Air Force scientists and pilots whose Project Manhigh, which collected data about the biological and technical factors required to support human activity in space, laid the groundwork for the US space program.

NOLA: CKDS 000112  
Series Title: Curious Kids: The History of SW Florida  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 8/20/2019 7:30:00 AM  
Service: WGCU  
Format: Magazine  
Segment Length: 00:28:46

The Curious Kids take a look back at Southwest Florida's past and discover that mastodons and megalodons once lived right here; that Florida's state tree, the saw palmetto can live for thousands of years and that the original cowboys come from the Sunshine state. Join the cast as they unravel lots of curious, fun historical facts about this semi-tropical place that many have called home.

Series Title: Family Pictures USA  
Episode Title: North Carolina  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/12/2019 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Discover how this historically rural state built on tobacco and textiles is rapidly changing. Entrepreneurs find a warm welcome in Durham, Native Americans come home to ancestral lands, and families separated by race and class work toward healing.

Series Title: Family Pictures USA  
Episode Title: Southwest Florida  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/12/2019 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Visit the Paradise Coast, where Native Americans, ranchers and fishermen share family stories.

Series Title: Mine Wars: American Experience; The  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 9/3/2019 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 02:00:00

Go inside the bitter battle to unionize coal miners at the dawn of the 20th century. The struggle over the power that fueled America led to the largest armed insurrection since the Civil War, and turned parts of West Virginia into a bloody war zone.

Series Title: Family Pictures Southwest Florida  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 8/11/2019 6:30:00 PM  
Service: WGCU  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:30:00

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## CULTURE

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/8/2019 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:03:57

Although cities across the country are struggling with a shortage of housing, especially at a manageable cost, there are millions of bedrooms going unused. Now, technology is enabling homeowners with rooms to spare to connect with renters who can't afford their own place. Stephanie Leydon from PBS station WGBH reports on how Boston has become a launching pad for the website Nesterly.

Series Title: Amanpour and Company  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/1/2019 11:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-PLUS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Will Jawando and Mark McKinnon lay out the state of the 2020 race. Ali Vaez and Christiane Amanpour discuss whether the U.S. and Iran are set on a collision course for war. Elif Shafak joins the program to discuss her book, "10 Minutes 38 Seconds in This Strange World." Alicia Menendez speaks to novelist Kristen Arnett about her book, "Mostly Dead Things."

Series Title: Family Pictures USA  
Episode Title: Southwest Florida  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/12/2019 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Visit the Paradise Coast, where Native Americans, ranchers and fishermen share family stories.

Series Title: Family Pictures Southwest Florida  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 8/12/2019 10:00:00 PM  
Service: WGCU  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:30:00

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NOLA: CKDS 000117  
Series Title: Curious Kids  
Episode Title: Tolerance & Diversity  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 8/25/2019 7:30:00 AM  
Service: WGCU  
Format: Magazine  
Segment Length: 00:26:46

The Curious Kids explore aspects of tolerance and diversity in Southwest Florida. Through their adventures, they learn about the history of early African American settlers in Punta Gorda, identify connections between inland and coastal communities and discover that by protecting the habitat of Florida panthers and gopher tortoises, we can actually help to protect numerous other species as well. The spirit of cooperation and inclusion that first inspired those early settlers lives on, reminding us how our shared history can serve as a foundation to building a bright and prosperous future.

Series Title: Magical Land of Oz  
Episode Title: Human  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/11/2019 10:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Despite Australia's relatively small population, the human impact on wildlife has been dramatic. In this episode we meet Australia's natural history success stories and those being left behind as the continent undergoes rapid change.

#### **ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS**

Series Title: Big Pacific  
Episode Title: Violent  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/5/2019 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Plunge into the Pacific with researchers and cinematographers and see the ocean's rare and dazzling creatures in a way never before seen on television. Filmed in cinematic 4K, the program examines an ocean that covers a third of the Earth's surface.

NOLA: CKDS 000111  
Series Title: Curious Kids  
Episode Title: Beaches  
Length: 26:46  
Airdate: 8/04/2019 07:30 AM  
Service: WGCU  
Format: Magazine  
Length: 00:28:46

The Curious Kids get a fascinating glimpse into the mysteries of our local marine community and discover that Southwest Florida's beautiful beaches are not just fun to hang out on, but are also really important habitats for a lot of cool creatures. From sea turtles to sharks, cute little snowy plovers to prehistoric horseshoe crabs there's lots to learn. White sandy beaches also provide plenty of opportunity for fun, games and creative ideas while photographer Dr. Gary Greenberg's microscopic photographs reveal a spectacular world in the sand grains underfoot.

Series Title: Southwest Florida's Mangrove Coast  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/11/2019 2:30:00 PM  
Service: WGCU  
Format: Other  
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Documenting the 40-year history of Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, this film displays the nature and beauty of Southwest Florida as it delves into the scientific work being done on mangroves, pythons, sea turtles, and other species to protect the mangrove coast for future generations.

NOLA: CKDS 000115  
Series Title: Curious Kids  
Episode Title: LAKES, RIVERS, ESTUARIES  
Length: 26:46  
Airdate: 8/18/2019 07:30 AM  
Service: WGCU  
Format: Magazine  
Length: 00:28:46

Curious Kids Jaden and Sophie learn about Lake Okeechobee's 6,000-year-old history. Andrew, Sierra and Eva discover how frogs and plants play an important role in keeping our coastal waters clean. Jaden's mom shares some quick and easy cleaning product recipes that refresh their home without harming the environment. Finally, a trip to meet Representative Heather Fitzenhagen gives Jamie some ideas for civic engagement on water quality and Sophie discovers how the Naples Botanical Garden is one big 'rain garden.'

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/21/2019 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:07:36

President Trump has canceled a planned trip to Denmark because Danish leadership refused to discuss selling Greenland. In Denmark, Trump's decision was seen as "doubly offensive" considering he had reportedly pushed for a grand welcome from the longtime U.S. ally. Special correspondent Malcolm Brabant reports on Copenhagen's reaction and why climate change is putting Greenland in the spotlight.

Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: Rise of the Superstorms  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/4/2019 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

During the 2017 hurricane season, the US receives a record three Category 4 hurricane landfalls with Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Harvey, with its record-breaking rainfall and flooding, is the second-most costly storm in US history, with an estimated \$125 billion of damage done. Irma broke records with prolonged intensity, causing communities to rethink just how vulnerable we are to hurricanes, due to sea level rise. And Maria's rapid intensification and sheer strength leaves us facing the reality of a new era of climate refugees. Can scientists determine whether these monster storms

are a harbinger of more powerful hurricanes to come? With the next hurricane season just around the corner, are we prepared for the damage that might ensue given warming global waters? Houston, Jacksonville, Florida's Keys, Puerto Rico and many of the islands in the Caribbean are changed forever.

### **Family/Marriage**

Series Title: Year in Space; A  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/17/2019 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Follow astronaut Scott Kelly's record-breaking 12-month mission on the International Space Station, from launch to landing, as NASA charts the effects of long-duration spaceflight by comparing him to his identical twin on Earth, astronaut Mark Kelly.

Series Title: POV  
Episode Title: The Distant Barking of Dogs  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/11/2019 11:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The Distant Barking of Dogs follows the life of 10-year-old Ukrainian boy Oleg over a year, witnessing the gradual erosion of his innocence beneath the pressures of the on-going war in Eastern Ukraine. Having no other place to go, Oleg and his grandmother Alexandra stay and watch as others leave the village, showing just how crucial—and fragile—family is for survival.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/5/2019 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:06:01

For some families, ensuring economic stability requires a wrenching choice: to leave children behind and find work abroad. Author Jason DeParle has written a book, "A Good Provider is One Who Leaves," that traces three generations of a single Filipino family as they move across the globe seeking a path out of poverty. He joins Amna Nawaz to discuss meeting the family and telling their story.

Series Title: Family Pictures Southwest Florida  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 9/29/2019 11:30:00 AM  
Service: WGCU

Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:30:00

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### Health/Health Care

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/11/2019 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:02:50

Candidates competing for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination continue to make health care a central focus of their platforms, with former Vice President Joe Biden releasing a new plan on the issue. Over the weekend, candidates campaigned in critical early states. They're facing harsh criticism from President Trump -- and some are responding. Lisa Desjardins reports.

NOLA: CKDS 000108  
Series Title: Curious Kids: Cooperation  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 7/27/2019 7:30:00 AM  
Service: WGCU  
Format: Magazine  
Segment Length: 00:28:46

The Curious Kids discover different ways people volunteer their time in Southwest Florida and share some of the ways they give back to the community. From lending a hand on International Beach Cleanup Day to bringing an hour of music and song to patients at Lee Memorial Children's Hospital, to encountering some Special Equestrians and learning how to safely wrangle a pelican, the Curious Kids meet some veteran volunteers helping people and animals in the community.

Series Title: Frontline  
Episode Title: Outbreak  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/13/2019 10:30:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The vivid, inside story of how the Ebola outbreak began and why it wasn't stopped before it was too late. With exclusive access to key global decision-makers and health responders, and gripping accounts of victims from the slums of Monrovia to the jungles of Guinea, "Outbreak" exposes tragic missteps in the response to the epidemic.

Series Title: Amanpour and Company  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/18/2019 12:00:00 AM  
Service: PBS-PLUS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

David Miliband speaks to Christiane Amanpour about the U.K. Supreme Court parliament suspension hearing. Christy Turlington Burns joins the program to discuss global maternal health and explain why the issue of maternal mortality hits home for her. Samantha Power gives Walter Isaacson a glimpse into her life, career and new memoir.

### Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/30/2019 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:10:27

The first African slaves arrived in North America 400 years ago this month, landing at Jamestown in what is now Virginia. Recently, the question of paying reparations for the atrocity of slavery has been generating new attention, even making its way into the 2020 presidential debates. Economics correspondent Paul Solman examines how to determine what is owed to generations of slave descendants.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/7/2019 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:07:01

Friday marks the fifth anniversary of the deadly Ferguson, Missouri, shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown Jr. by a white police officer. Protesters gathered in Ferguson after the incident to voice outrage, but the officer was never charged. Since then, activists including Brown's family have continued to push for change -- but say the trauma will never heal. Yamiche Alcindor reports.

NOLA: CKDS 000117  
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Service: WGCU  
Format: Magazine  
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Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Southern Roots  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/10/2019 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Other  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Three guests of disparate Southern backgrounds, DJ and producer Questlove, talk show host Dr. Phil and journalist Charlayne Hunter-Gault, find astonishing tales of bondage in their family histories.

### Science/Technology

Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: Black Hole Apocalypse  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/3/2019 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Join astrophysicist and novelist Janna Levin on a mind-blowing voyage to the frontiers of black hole science, which is shining new light on the most powerful and mysterious objects in the universe.

NOLA: CKDS 000110  
Series Title: Curious Kids  
Episode Title: STEAM  
Length: 26:46  
Airdate: 08/03/2019 07:30:00 AM  
Service: WGCU  
Format: Magazine

The Curious Kids discover that Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math are woven together in many exciting ways in our community. From meeting the prosthetists who designed the tail for celebrity dolphin, Winter, to exploring the sustainable benefits of a local high school aquaculture program, the kids learn why arts may be officially added to STEM subjects. They design and build their own architectural structures with Naples artist Marti Koehler, have fun discovering Nano Technology and Robotics while experiencing the outdoors through Geocaching and Bio-mimicry. An evening encounter with bats sets the tone for the upbeat song Bats, Bats, Bats.

Series Title: To Catch a Comet  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/7/2019 10:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

On November 11, billions of kilometers from Earth, a spacecraft orbiter and lander will do what no other has dared to attempt: land on the volatile surface of a comet as it zooms around the sun at 67,000 km/hr. If successful, it could help peer into our past and unlock secrets of our origins.

Series Title: Family Pictures USA  
Episode Title: Southwest Florida  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/22/2019 11:00:00 AM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

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Series Title: Amanpour and Company  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/19/2019 12:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-PLUS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet discusses the climate crisis and the upcoming UN General Assembly with Christiane Amanpour. Brad Pitt joins the program to explain the roles that masculinity and vulnerability play in new space epic "Ad Astra." Microsoft President Brad Smith sits down with Hari Sreenivasan to grapple with the ethical questions that come with new tech.

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